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My Kingdom

Reading level 7 (3rd grade) · 202 words

Down by a shining water well I found a very little dell, No higher than my head. The heather and the gorse about In summer bloom were coming out, Some yellow and some red. I called the little pool a sea; The little hills were big to me; For I am very small. I made a boat, I made a town, I searched the caverns up and down, And named them one and all.

And all about was mine, I said, The little sparrows overhead, The little minnows too. This was the world and I was king; For me the bees came by to sing, For me the swallows flew. I played there were no deeper seas, Nor any wider plains than these, Nor other kings than me. At last I heard my mother call Out from the house at evenfall, To call me home to tea.

And I must rise and leave my dell, And leave my dimpled water well, And leave my heather blooms. Alas! and as my home I neared, How very big my nurse appeared. How great and cool the rooms!

My Kingdom was written by Robert Louis Stevenson. A Child's Garden of Verses was published in 1885.

Questions

1. What did the child call the little pool?

A. A river
B. A sea
C. A well

2. Why did the child feel like a king?

A. The child had a crown
B. The whole little place seemed to be the child's world
C. The child had many servants

3. In this poem, what does "dell" mean?

A. A small hollow
B. A kind of boat
C. A garden gate

4. Who called the child home to tea?

A. The nurse
B. The gardener
C. The child's mother

5. Which words rhyme at the end of the first two lines?

A. well and dell
B. sea and me
C. small and all

Words to know

dell: a small hollow
heather: a purple plant
minnows: tiny fish
caverns: big caves
evenfall: evening

Answer key: My Kingdom

1. B. A sea
2. B. The whole little place seemed to be the child's world
3. A. A small hollow
4. C. The child's mother
5. A. well and dell